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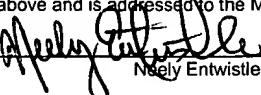
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In re Application of:

Ronda M. Allen et al.) Group Art Unit: 1654
Application No.: 09/648,641) Examiner: Michael V. Meller
Filed: August 25, 2000) Confirmation No. 5632
For: METHODS FOR PURIFYING DNA POLYMERASES)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2004. A Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee are filed herewith. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks.